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## **MTD ANNOUNCES DETOURS OF LINES 5 & 16 DUE TO UPCOMING BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION**

Due to the Haley Street at De La Vina Bridge Replacement construction project, the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) announces detours on specific routes. Construction is scheduled to begin on Monday, January 11, 2010, lasting until the spring of 2011.

From the Transit Center to Santa Barbara City College (SBCC), Lines 5 and 16 will now turn right on Cota Street to Castillo Street, then turn left on Castillo Street. The last stop toward SBCC will now be De La Vina Street at Ortega Street, prior to the construction zone.

From SBCC to the Transit Center, Lines 5 and 16 will turn left on Bath Street at a temporary bus stop, continue on to Cota Street, turning right on Cota Street to Chapala Street and then right on Chapala Street.

These detours will remain in place until construction is complete, in the spring of 2011. For more information or assistance with trip or detour planning, call 805-963-3366 or go to [www.sbmtd.gov](http://www.sbmtd.gov). Follow MTD on Twitter: [twitter.com/SantaBarbaraMTD](https://twitter.com/SantaBarbaraMTD).

The Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD), with its focus on passenger service, provides a reliable, safe, comfortable means of mobility to those who lack other transportation, including students, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. MTD also provides an attractive transportation option for commuters and shoppers who might otherwise drive a car. MTD provides more than 31,000 passenger trips each weekday, resulting in 22,676 cars being left at home on weekdays. MTD provided more than 8,300,000 passenger trips last fiscal year. Santa Barbara is recognized as a transit intensive community and is ranked in the top ten in the nation for per capita bus usage.

MTD operates North America's largest fleet of 100% battery electric buses. Additionally, MTD was the first in California to operate its fleet of diesel and diesel-electric buses with a bio-diesel blend of fuel.

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